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MR. CARDWELL'S DISPATCH.

Charles Lever very graphically portrays, in one of his humorous fictions, the amusing effects which the stolidity with which the English mind views the convulsions of the outer world produces on foreign vanity. Two French officers of the Napoleonic period are gliding along the streets of Liverpool. They, poor fellows, fancy the eye of England sees them, and the power of England is about to stretch forth to crush such dangerous foes. To their astonishment, however, no one pays the remotest attention to their movements, business goes on as before, and they are actually obliged, through downright indignation, to hurry for the Emperor, before they can attract even the casual and by no means dangerous attention of the passers-by. Our members of Assembly have been laboring under some such fanciful delusion with regard to the civil list resolutions. They evidently thought, if we might judge from their speeches, that the Colonial Office would be thunder-struck, when those terrible paragraphs would meet the official eye; that Lord Palmerston would conjure up in his imagination the departure of another "jewel" from the British Crown; and that a terrified Cabinet Council would assemble to discuss the alarming crisis. Several months have passed, and it would appear the equilibrium of the English mind has not been very seriously affected. Edward Cardwell, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, sends a dispatch to His Excellency Governor Kennedy in which he treats our important resolutions with a coolness that amounts to frigidity. He doesn't appear at all alarmed, and discusses the question with so provoking a nonchalance that one would fancy he had been receiving the same sort of things all his life, and expected them as a matter of course. He tells His Excellency to pay himself and Colonial Secretary out of any Crown Lands fund that may be at his disposal, and leaves the other officials—the Chief Justice, Attorney General, Treasurer, and Surveyor General—to the kind attention of the members of Assembly. The whole subject is dismissed almost in a few words, and Mr. Cardwell turns to the "larger and more important question" of Union of the Colonies.

It would appear from the dispatch that the Home Government will be guided in their views on this matter of Union by the reports of the respective Governors of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. Neither the Assembly of the one country, therefore, nor the Council of the other will be consulted on the matter. As impartial men whose minds are not narrowed down to the petty local interests of small communities, Governors Kennedy and Seymour will bring their collective as well as individual experience to bear on this important question. In the one colony the Governor is surrounded by men who are clamoring for Union, who see nothing but ruin in continued separation, and who are willing to sacrifice everything of "no value to any one but the owner" in order to accomplish their designs. On the other hand, the British Columbians are equally determined not to be united. They have for years opposed it, and their opposition is not now likely to be diminished, when they have just begun to taste even a little of the luxury of self-government. That Governor Kennedy, on the one hand, or Governor Seymour, on the other, will be to a certain extent affected by the prejudices or opinions of their respective legislatures, it is only natural to expect; but we hope they will not allow them materially to interfere with their cooler judgment. Union in the abstract is desirable—union in a national point of view is desirable; but rather than have the bickering that have taken place, and will continue to take place between the Colonies, we would prefer continued separation with all its drawbacks. Union can not be brought about or cemented now without considerable compromises on either side; nothing can make that union a permanent one unless justice prevails over its inauguration; whether, however, the two Governors will decide for or against the project we hope they will, under any circumstances, be enabled to act in union. So long as the people of the one colony are living in the hope of union and the people of the other are living in the dread of it, a serious injury is inflicted on both. The decision of the respective Governors will, therefore, in all probability, settle the matter at least for many years to come, and we hope the importance of the results will induce each to weigh the question calmly and dispassionately, and allow as little as possible the injurious tendencies of local ideas to affect his mind.

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